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S E C R E T DAR ES SALAAM 1498

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, US, XA, TZ, RH
SUBJECT: APPROACH TO MUGABE IN SUPPORT OF OWEN'S PROPOSALS

REF: A) DAR ES SALAAM 1485, B) DAR ES SALAAM 1497, C) STATE
80483, D) LONDON 5880

1. IN VIEW OF MUGABE'S NEGATIVE REACTION TO US ROLE IN CONSTI-
TUTIONAL CONFERENCE REPORTED BY OWEN PARTY (REF A), OWEN'S
APPARENT PASSING LIGHTLY OVER US ROLE IN HIS LONDON TALK WITH
MUGABE'S PATRIOTIC FRONT PARTNER NKOMO (REF D), AND NYERERE'S
DOUBTS ABOUT DESIRABILITY FULL US CONFERENCE ROLE (REF B), I
WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE APPROACHING
MUGABE TO SUPPORT OWEN'S PROPOSALS IN ACCORDANCE REF C.

2. IT SEEMS TO ME ESSENTIAL THAT USG FOLLOW UP OWEN APPROACH
TO MUGABE WITH ONE OF OUR OWN, IF THIS PROCEDURE IS BEING
FOLLOWED WITH OTHER NATIONALIST LEADERS. AT THE SAME TIME, ANY
HOPE I HAD FOR NYERERE'S INFLUENCING MUGABOE ON HIS NEGATIVE

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ATTITUDE TOWARD DIRECT US ROLE DISAPPEARED WHEN NYERERE
EXPRESSED HIS OWN DOUBTS ON SUBJECT IN REF B.

3. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, MY SUGGESTION IS THAT I APPROACH MUGABE,
STRESS IMPORTANCE WE PLACE ON OWEN'S ATTEMPT TO CONVENE CON-
STITUTIONAL CONFERENCE AND OUR INTENTION TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO IT
AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION, BUT DO NOT MAKE ANY MENTION OF OUR

WILLINGNESS TO COSPONSOR OR FORMALLY PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE.
SHOULD MUGABE RAISE QUESTION ON BASIS HIS EARLIER CONVERSATION
WITH OWEN, I COULD SAY THAT US POSITION IS SIMPLY TO HELP IN EVERY
WAY THAT PROMISES TO BE EFFECTIVE AND IS AGREEABLE TO ALL THE
PARTIES. EACT MODALITIES WILL EMERGE ONLY AFTER DR. OWN HAS
COMPLETED CONSULTATIONS ON WHICH HE IS NOW EMBARKED.

4. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP. SPAIN

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